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## CROWDS OF ALL NATIONALITIES MASS TO SING GOD'S PRAISE

At dawn yesterday a hundred people stood on the top of Punchbowl. There with the breath of the pure morning air filling their lungs they sang songs of praise to their God. Below them the city waked. The people flocked to their churches. The afternoon came and with it the massing of all creeds and religions in a great effort.

Once again at night, with a central meeting at the Bijou theater, where people of all nations gathered, with the Chinese massed at the big Liberty theater, with the Hawaiians, Japanese, Portuguese, Koreans, Spanish and others scattered throughout the city, the service of praise arose to its highest. Such was the end of the first week of the Christian Extension Movement, started by five English-speaking churches of Honolulu. Somewhat in doubt at first, then gathering strength and greater faith, the results have exceeded the wildest expectations of those in charge.

With John M. Martin in charge, over a hundred people climbed to the top of Punchbowl early yesterday morning to greet the sunrise with prayer and song. A striking coincidence was the fact that yesterday was the ninety-second birthday anniversary of Fanny Crosby. Several of her well-known hymns were sung, including "Rescue the Perishing," and "My Savior Leads." The words of these were chorused in five different languages—English, Hawaiian, Chinese, Japanese and Korean.

During the morning the usual church services were held and in the afternoon special meetings in every part of the city. At the Empire theater, headquarters of the Christian Extension Movement, a boys' meeting was held followed by a special meeting for men at which T. Clive Davies delivered a practical talk. So much faith has he in a movement such as

the present one that he thinks the troubles occurring between capital and labor could be done away with if a greater knowledge of the Christian religion was disseminated.

At night the center of activity was at the Bijou theater, where Bishop Bashford of the Methodist Episcopal Church of China spoke. The theater was packed to the doors. He emphasized the great law of love that underlies the doings of the whole world.

**What Life Is.**  
"Life, true life," stated the Bishop, "is a life of love and sacrifice. Take it in any of the kingdoms of the world—from that of the vegetable to that of the human family where noble self-sacrifice and abiding love lift men and women higher and higher."

"We find in our national life again manifestations of this great love and self-sacrifice; it is called patriotism. This is what sends men forth to battle for home and country and God; ready to die for all that is true and noble."

**Chinese a Feature.**  
Perhaps the most significant feature of the movement was to be seen at the big Liberty theater, where over 2000 Chinese gathered to hear more of the Christian religion. Lantern slides were used to show various scenes in the life of Christ, the pictures being explained by speakers. Hymns were sung in Chinese and several short speeches were delivered dealing with Christianity in various phases of life.

Bishop Bashford, who attended the meeting, was very much impressed, and when the great audience was asked whether it would like to hear the Bishop speak on "Present-Day China and Its Outlook," the hall became a forest of waving arms.

Other meetings held throughout the city were well attended and it is stated that never before in the history of Honolulu has there been so much interest taken in religious work.

## BISHOP HAS BUSY DAY

Bishop J. W. Bashford of the Methodist Episcopal church in China had a most strenuous day yesterday, preaching in no less than eight or nine different places during the day. The bishop is a fluent and interesting talker.

In the opinion of the bishop, Dr. Sun Yat Sen, the Hawaiian-born and educated republican of the ancient land of Confucius, will one day be one of the greatest names in history. Bishop Bashford declares that the entire Chinese nation fully appreciates not only the eminent services of Dr. Sun, but are alive to the fact that at a most critical moment in their country's history, at a time when one false move on the part of the trusted leaders of the cause might have meant the complete failure of the republican plans, Dr. Sun was pure patriot enough to subordinate self and give place to Yuan Shih Kai at the head of affairs.

Concerning the revolution in China the bishop said:

"I was a little bit afraid concerning this revolution in China, for I was hardly prepared to believe that in an ancient country such as the Dragon Kingdom, where for hundreds and hundreds of years the rule of the monarchy had been supreme, the time was ripe for a government of even comparative freedom."

"But I discovered a wonderful amount of latent democracy among the southern Chinamen, and a determination among the people generally to have a government modeled after those of the Western nations."

Of Yuan Shih Kai he says: "I am sure that President Yuan Shih Kai is a very strong man, perhaps the strongest and best man for the place during the present crisis. He has the respect of a very large portion of the Chinese people and will and does command the moral and material support of the powerful men of the ancient empire."

Bishop Bashford has spent eight years in China, with headquarters at Peking.

### BISHOP BASHFORD WITH COLLEGE CLUB

Bishop Bashford will be the guest of the College Club tomorrow (Tuesday) afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Colonial. It will be an open meeting and members may invite friends.

Governor Frear has been asked by President Moore of the Panama-Pacific exposition to take up at an early date the appointment of an architect for the Hawaii building at the big fair. As previously reported, the local commission is without funds and must wait for a legislative appropriation.

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